

Press Release



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Fort Stevenson Frontier Military Days June 25-26

Spectators can view what life was like at an 1870s military fort during Fort Stevenson Frontier Military Days June 25-26. The 12th annual event will be held from 1 until 4 p.m. each day at Ft. Stevenson State Park, located three miles south of Garrison. June 26 is also Visitor Appreciation Day at Fort Stevenson with free admission into the park.

Members of the Frontier Army of the Dakota will set up authentic tents and gear on the west side of the campground area during the two-day encampment. A cannon will fire at 1 and 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, along with cannon maneuvers starting at 3:15 p.m. each day. Live demonstrations featuring old-time skills like blacksmithing, tomahawk throwing, woodcarving, tatting, black powder gun demonstrations and baking will be held each day.

New this year is a reproduction of one of the cannons originally used at the old fort, a 12 lb. Mountain Howitzer. This cannon will be fired for the first time during Frontier Military Days.

Military Life in Dakota, written by General de Trobriand, the first commander at the fort and one of the best first-hand accounts of military life in Dakota Territory, will be on sale.

Fort Stevenson Frontier Military Days is sponsored by the Fort Stevenson Foundation, a local volunteer organization that spearheaded the reconstruction of the original fort's guardhouse. The guardhouse is used as a visitor center with displays and artifacts about military life in the Dakota Territory.